

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend claims 1-4.

Please cancel claims 59-65 without prejudice to filing a divisional application.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A travel and credit card data management method for use with travel electronic data and credit card electronic data from multiple real time electronic data sources and involving multiple business units each having multiple travelers incurring one or more travel expenses on one or more trips, comprising the steps of:

receiving the travel electronic data and the credit card electronic data in real time from the multiple electronic data sources with a computer processor;

matching in real time the credit card electronic data to the travel electronic data for each of the trips for ~~taken by~~ each of the travelers;

consolidating in real time the travel electronic data and the credit card electronic data from the sources with said processor;

determining in real time with said processor a variance for each of said matched credit card electronic data and travel electronic data for each of the trips for ~~taken by~~ each of the travelers, including a first variance for a first trip for ~~taken by~~ a first traveler of a first business unit having ~~for which~~ a first travel expense ~~is incurred~~, wherein said first business unit has multiple travelers incurring multiple travel expenses;

identifying in real time a portion of the consolidated electronic data that a user is entitled to receive; and

supplying in real time said portion of consolidated data to said user with said processor;

wherein said step of supplying includes supplying a first analysis of travel spending for said first trip including said first travel expense and said first variance while simultaneously supplying a second analysis of all of said travel expenses for all of said travelers of said first business unit.

2. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:
initiating a travel booking process by said first traveler for said first trip between a first location and a second location and incurring that includes said first travel expense received by said computer processor during said travel booking process;

wherein said first analysis is provided in real time by said computer processor to said user during said travel booking process ~~immediately after said step of initiating~~.

3. (Currently amended) The method of claim 2, further comprising the steps of:
comparing in real time said first travel expense with a first travel expense criteria with said computer processor; and

displaying said comparison in real time on a computer screen with said computer processor during said travel booking process ~~immediately after said step of initiating~~.

4. (Currently amended) The method of claim 3, further comprising the steps of:
comparing in real time all of said travel expenses for all of said travelers of said first business unit with a second travel expense criteria with said computer processor; and

displaying said comparison of all of said travel expenses for all of said travelers of said first business unit with said second travel expense criteria in real time on a computer screen with said computer processor during said travel booking process ~~immediately after said step of initiating~~.

5. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said sources include one or more corporate card providers, travel agency service providers, and ancillary travel service providers.

6. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein service providers include travel agency booking offices.

7. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein corporate card providers include corporate card data sources.

8. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein service providers include online booking sources.

9. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein ancillary travel services include at least one of ground transportation services, security specialists, and travel benchmarking information.

10. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said steps of consolidating and receiving are done simultaneously.

11. (Previously presented) The method of claim 10, wherein said step of supplying occurring simultaneously with said steps of consolidating and receiving.

12. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said supplying is performed through a display available to at least one of the business units.

13. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of supplying is through a display in formats that are configured to be manipulated.

14. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of supplying indicates the travelers who have potentially deviated from a policy of a business unit.

15. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of supplying of consolidated data includes pricing errors.

16. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of supplying indicates any traveler who has deviated from the planned itinerary of the traveler.

17. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said analysis is configured to be used in a travel budget plan.

18. (Previously presented) The method of claim 17, wherein said step of supplying identifies at least one of new destinations, pretravel approvals, policy exceptions of all travelers, real time tracking of expenditures, requirements for supplier contracts and analysis relative to the current travel, performance measurement, and individual information of a specific traveler.

19. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said supplying is performed through one or more computer networks formed by at least one business unit and at least some of each of the travelers, management and suppliers, and wherein the suppliers include credit card companies.

20. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of supplying includes the step of sorting the data.

21. (Original) The method of claim 20, wherein said step of supplying includes the step of aggregating the data.

22. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of supplying includes determining rights to review the data.

23. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of: calculating real time metrics from said consolidated electronic data.

24. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of: initiating travel transactions.

25. (Previously presented) The method of claim 24, wherein said step of initiating travel of transactions originates from a display unit used for said step of supplying.

26. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the suppliers include at least one of any GDSs, travel agencies, credit card companies, and alternate travel data sources.

27.-65. (Cancelled)